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### **MoDOT To Inspect Route 240 Bridge at Glasgow**

MACON – The Missouri Department of Transportation will inspect the Missouri River Bridge at Glasgow located on Route 240 in Saline County on Monday, August 13. The inspection is in response to last week's bridge collapse in Minneapolis. The Glasgow Bridge is one of 11 bridges being inspected by MoDOT that are similar in design to the Minnesota structure.

This in-depth inspection is expected to take place from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. by engineers using a Snooper truck – a large truck with a huge mechanical arm and platform that is able to carry inspectors over and under the bridge allowing them to get a close-up look at the structure's underside.

The Glasgow Bridge has been on a more frequent inspection cycle than most bridges in Missouri for several years because of its current condition. In addition, MoDOT hired an engineering consultant to provide a detailed inspection and recommendations for rehabilitation of the bridge over the past winter. The consultant inspection identified a number of critical issues that were addressed during the bridge closure this past spring. The consultant inspection also led to the proposed project to replace the deck and truss, which remains on schedule to be completed in 2008. The upcoming additional inspection is precautionary in nature and is not expected to identify any additional problems with the bridge.

During the inspection next week the bridge will be restricted to one-lane traffic. Motorists are advised to use caution when crossing the bridge.

For more information contact the MoDOT District 2 Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK MoDOT (275-6636). The center is open Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or visit our website at <http://www.modot.org/northcentral>.